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On the 23rd, I went to Okitsu and submitted to the Prince the reports of my above-mentioned interviews. The Prince said: "Is this 'German Mediation' to be carried on by the German government or by some German individuals? Moreover it seems that we should definitely punish the responsables for the bombardment of the British ship as it would likely open up for us a favorable way for subsequent diplomatic negotiations." The Prince was also greatly concerned about the reasons for and the manner of hurrying through these peace negotiations.